

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Robert (Bob) Jones and Patricia (Pat) Cunningham exchanged their wedding vows on September 3, 1955, in St. Joseph Cathedral, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Bob and Pat met at a United Way meeting and started dating after meeting a second time through mutual friends at the Arkota Ballroom; and,

Whereas, Bob and Pat are the parents of four grandchildren: Mary Patricia, Barbara, Daniel, and Kathleen, and now are realizing the joys of having seven grandchildren; and,

Whereas, After serving in World War II, Bob attended University of South Dakota Law School, and still practices law part-time—Pat attended McKennan School of Nursing and worked at McKennan Hospital until her retirement; and,

Whereas, Bob plays golf as much as possible, and Pat plays bridge several times a week with different groups, both are active in various roles in their church, and Pat is known for her "Granny Camp" for about 2 weeks each summer, where grandchildren can be spoiled the only way grandma can; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Bob and Pat have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

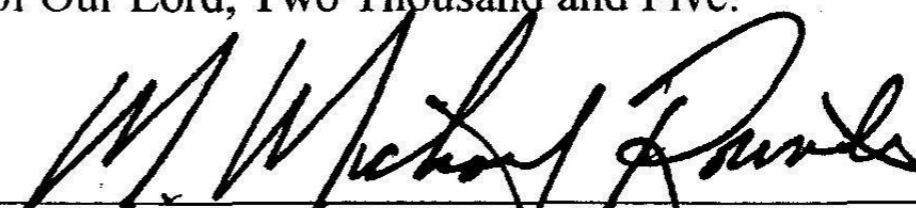
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 3, 2005, as

BOB AND PAT JONES DAY


in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State